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Space Flight Center

## **Goddard Library Events**

The year 2003 continues to be action packed for the Goddard Library. Throughout the summer the Library provided support to visiting educators, students and researchers and scientists. Library staff provided tours of the Library both physically and virtually, and librarians gave presentations to NASA Academy participants and visiting Math & Science Teachers.

**Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 15, 2003** when the Library will host it's annual open house event. This year's theme ***Preserving the Past, Navigating the Future***, focuses on the Center-wide need to capture and preserve intellectual assets for future generations. Exhibits will feature both Goddard-centric approaches to knowledge management as well as commercial products and services dedicated to knowledge capture.

### **The Goddard Library Continues its Award Winning Streak**

On June 21, 2003 Janet Ormes, Branch Head, Library Information Sciences Branch and Assistant CIO was awarded the FAFLRT Achievement Annual Award for her innovative leadership in the advancement of information science and technology and her dedication



*Goddard Library Staff receives NASA Honor Award*

to utilizing information science and technologies to support the research initiatives of the Center. FAFLRT stands for Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table, a division of the American Library Association.

The Goddard Library Team received a NASA Honor Award, which is given to those who have distinguished themselves by making outstanding contributions to the Agency's mission. The citation on the award plaque reads "In recognition for your team's innovative development and implementation of new approaches to digital preservation, knowledge management and customer demands, as well as being a valued, essential partner in the execution of the Goddard mission."

## Current Events cont.

The Library Team also received a Goddard Honor Award for Exceptional Achievement for "Providing innovative and cost-effective solutions to information needs, representing exceptional performance in the area of knowledge capture, access and use over a significant period of time.

**Management Operations Directorate Special Award (Library Contractor Team):** On July 30 the IIA/ZAI team that developed the IMAGES database received a Code 200 Special Award. The citation reads: "The IIA and ZAI Contractor Team for creating value from Goddard's knowledge assets in the successful development of the IMAGES Database."

## Goddard Day

The Library participated in the annual **Celebrate Goddard Day** festivities. The Library's exhibit featured the resources and services available to the GSFC community. Turn out was remarkable. Indeed, this year the Library ran out of "goody bags" after distributing over two hundred of these bags which contained Library promotional materials. In addition, the Library randomly gave away mugs, t-shirts, hats, and laptop bags to many visitors to the exhibit. Celebrate Goddard Day is such a wonderful opportunity to join together with in Goddard's unique community where one can meet new people and catch up with familiar faces. The Library staff always looks forward to joining in the festivities.

## Summer Flicks Event

On July 29, the Library hosted the first ever **Summer Film Fest** program. Two movies were shown. The first, titled "Blackout!" is a unique Goddard film about electromagnetic storms and their effects here on earth. The second film, titled "Apollo 13" (not the Tom Hanks version) is a NASA film comprised of original footage from within the capsule, shuttle command in Houston, and newsreel footage from that time. The movies were followed by a lively Q&A style discussion conducted by Dr. Dave Williams of Code 600. Attendance was excellent with more than 120 viewers.

## Summer Interns

In the midst of many activities taking place in and outside the Library, the Library also hosted six summer interns this year. Nikkia Anderson, Joel Horowitz, Edwin Robinson, Carmen



*Goddard Library Summer Interns and their Mentors*

Roscoe, Hannibal Scipio, and Alessandro Senserini spent the summer working on information technology related Library initiatives. The interns worked on such projects as the digital archiving of webcasts, the Goddard Projects Directory, the digital archiving evolution of Goddard core elements set into Windows Media format, a streaming media feasibility study, metadata review group website development, and the Director's Discretionary Fund project involving the capturing of Goddard websites. Working under the mentorship of Library staff these interns not only completed necessary tasks for the Library's benefit, they have gained valuable work experience.

## MyLibrary

Welcome to MyLibrary!

The Goddard Library is pleased to announce a new user-driven customizable information service. Through the MyLibrary portal you will be able to create your very own portable Web page listing information resources of interest to you provided to you by the Library. MyLibrary is a personal Web page allowing you to define what is displayed.

## MyLibrary Features

- **Content rich** - MyLibrary contains links to information-rich content, the kind of content necessary for researchers and scientists. Types of information include full-text databases, data sets, article databases, electronic books, and reference materials.
- **Customizable** - By selecting the customizable options, you choose just what items you want displayed, or, more importantly, what items are not displayed. You can also determine the appearance of your interface using the different templates and color choices.
- **Dynamic** - Global messages, as well as discipline-specific messages, help keep MyLibrary up-to-date.
- **Pro-active** - Because the networked environment is constantly changing, MyLibrary allows librarians to send you messages or information on a regular basis. Of course, you will only be contacted in this way if you elect to receive email through the service.
- **Focused** - Most of the time, MyLibrary allows you to list only the information you want listed. Consequently, you do not have to be bombarded with "noise". At the same time, you are not limited to the number of items you have on your page.

## MyLibrary cont.

- **Platform independent** - To use MyLibrary all you need is a Web browser. The browser must support cookies (session cookies only) and it must be configured to *not* look in its cache for its content.



Screen Shot of MyLibrary Interface

## Technically speaking

To get started creating your MyLibrary Portal:

1. Go to the Library's Website <http://library.gsfc.nasa.gov> and click on "MyLibrary" under "Quick Picks".
2. Select "New Account" and fill out the form as directed.
3. Make a note of your Username and Password.
4. Select the discipline that best represents the area of your information needs. The Goddard Librarians have pre-selected the Library's most appropriate resources for each discipline. You may modify the pre-selected choices to your own specific interests.
5. According to your preferences you may name your page and select the page layout.

MyLibrary is a relational database, a Web server, and a set of scripts providing mediation between the two. For more information about MyLibrary, contact the MyLibrary Curator Team at [mylibrary@listserv.gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:mylibrary@listserv.gsfc.nasa.gov).

## In the Stacks

**Voyager's Grand Tour: To the Outer Planets and Beyond**  
Henry C. Dethloff, Ronald A. Schorn - TL 789.8 .U6 V68 2003

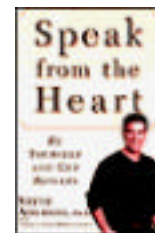
A planetary alignment, a visionary team, and two space probes have transformed our knowledge of the solar system and beyond. Since their 1977 launch, the probes have discovered strange new worlds and transmitted streams of revolutionary data and eye-popping images that have exploded long-held theories and raised new questions about our solar system.



With unfettered access to NASA archives and imagery, and interviews with Voyager scientists and engineers, the authors have produced the only comprehensive account of one of man's foremost scientific and engineering achievements. Readers are invited to join the craft as it discovers rings around Jupiter, geysers on Triton, and possibilities of extraterrestrial life.

**Speak from the Heart: Be Yourself and Get Results**  
Steve Adubato - P 95 .A26 2002

Dr. Adubato reveals the secrets to being a great communicator with a program that will dramatically change the way you talk, listen, and connect with others. He demonstrates that being a truly great communicator is not simply about being articulate or about fancy visuals or even who has the most facts, figures, and technical wizardry. What really counts is making an authentic connection with other people that comes not merely from the intellect but from the heart.



Dr. Adubato was the guest speaker on May 21, 2003 for the Center Director's Colloquia. A Webcast is available at: <http://centerdircolloq.gsfc.nasa.gov/webcasts.html>

**Rocket Dreams : How the Space Age Shaped Our Vision of a World Beyond**  
Marina Benjamin - TL796.5 .U5 B37 2003

Explores America's economic, scientific, and cultural atmosphere from the beginning of space flight to the present in light of Apollo's accomplishments. The author blends science, history, and popular culture to investigate the results and solutions of mankind's centuries-long flirtation with space. The author's tour includes a visit to Robert Goddard's workshop in Roswell.



## Did you Know...

### The Web of Knowledge is at Your Fingertips?



Did you know you have access to a *Web of Knowledge* if you're in the Goddard network domain? Now, with one easy to use interface you can cross-search ISI's

**ISI Web of KNOWLEDGE™**  
*Transforming Research*

Web of Science,  
Proceedings, and  
INSPEC databases.

**Web of Science** is the Library's premium search database providing access to the content of journals since 1955. Approximately 5,900 international science and technical journals are covered; updates add approximately 19,000 new records each week. Journals covered include the subject areas: agriculture, biological and environmental sciences, engineering, technology and applied science, medical and life sciences and physical and chemical sciences.

**ISI Proceedings** is an index to the published literature of the most

significant conferences, symposia, seminars, colloquia, workshops, and conventions in a wide range of disciplines, from anthropology to zoology, enabling you to track emerging ideas and new research in specific fields before the material appears in journal literature. Coverage includes international proceedings, and is not limited to papers published in English.

**INSPEC**, produced by IEE, is a database of bibliographic information extracted from publications in the fields of physics, electronics, communications, electrical engineering, control engineering, information technology, and computers. **INSPEC** also has significant coverage in areas such as materials science, oceanography, nuclear engineering, geophysics, biomedical engineering and biophysics.

The Library is pleased to offer the **Web of Knowledge**—a premium resource—to Goddard researchers and scientists. Make it the first place you start your research—you won't be disappointed.

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